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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicant: Goethals, et al.
Application Number: 09/380,106
Filing Date: November 24, 1999
Title: PLANT MICROPROPAGATION
AND GERMPLASM STORAGE
Examiner Name: Annette H. Para
Group Art Unit: 1661

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 09/380,106. In response to the Advisory Action mailed November 19, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the Amendment submitted September 2, 2003 which was not entered by the Examiner in the Advisory Action of November 19, 2003 as well as the following amendments and arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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